

AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (currently amended) A reinforcing non-woven base fabric comprising:
reinforcing fiber yarns ~~having~~ that are thermo-compression and formed into a sheet shape
~~with by using a support fibrous member, wherein not less than two layers of the reinforcing non-~~
~~woven base fabric are laminated with the reinforcing fiber yarns being used as a group of warp~~
~~yarns and with the support fibrous member being used as a group of weft yarns, the reinforcing~~
~~fiber yarn is selected from the group consisting of carbon fibers, glass fibers, boron fibers, and~~
~~steel fibers, and is made of multifilaments that form a flat shape without twists, and wherein~~
the support fibrous member is formed of multifilament yarn that is made of polyolefin
composite fibers having a core-sheath structure in which the sheath portion is formed by a
polymer having a lower melting point than that of the core portion ~~constituted by at least two or~~
~~more olefin based polymers having a difference in melting points, wherein, with respect to the~~
~~polymers having a difference in melting points, the high melting point polymer is a~~
~~polypropylene polymer and the low melting point polymer is polyethylene or a low melting point~~
~~polypropylene polymer.~~
2. (currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1,
wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is made of carbon fibers ~~composite fiber has a core-sheath~~
~~structure in which the sheath portion is made of a polymer having a lower melting point than that~~
~~of the core portion.~~
3. & 4. (cancelled).
5. (currently amended) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1
[[2]], wherein the core-sheath structure of the composite fibers having the core-sheath structure
has a polypropylene (core portion)/polyethylene (sheath portion) structure or a polypropylene
(core portion)/low melting point polypropylene (sheath portion) structure.

6. (cancelled).

7. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, having a three-layer structure in which two upper and lower layers of the groups of warp yarns with a fixed interval are placed, with the group of weft yarns being interpolated therebetween and the lower layer is laminated with an offset of a 1/2-pitch so as to place the yarn of the group of lower-layer yarns between the yarns of the groups of upper-layer yarns.

8. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the support fibrous member has a mesh structure in which multifilament yarns using composite fibers composed of at least two or more polymers having a difference in melting points are used as at least wefts.

9. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the sheet shape is maintained through fusion-bonding.

10. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns are fiber extended yarns.

11. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of reinforcing fiber yarns are aligned in one direction.

12. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fibers form biaxial reinforcing fiber yarn sheets that are made of a warp sheet in which the reinforcing fiber yarns are aligned in the length direction and a weft sheet in which the reinforcing fiber yarns are aligned in the width direction.

13. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fibers form multi-axial reinforcing fiber yarn sheets that are constituted

by a yarn sheet made of reinforcing fiber yarns which, supposing that the length direction of the sheet is 0° , are aligned in 0° -direction, a yarn sheet made of reinforcing fiber yarns which are aligned in a $+\alpha^\circ$ -direction as well as in a $-\alpha^\circ$ -direction ($0 < \alpha < 90$) and a yarn sheet made of reinforcing fiber yarns which are aligned in a 0° -direction and/or in a 90° -direction.

14. (new) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the high melting point polymer is a polypropylene polymer and the low melting point polymer is polyethylene or a low melting point polypropylene polymer.

15. (new) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein not less than two layers thereof are laminated with the reinforcing fiber yarns being used as a group of warp yarns and with the support fibrous member being used as a group of weft yarns.